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Academic Qualifications

2024	PhD in Folkloristics Rituals as Lore: A Study of Religious Rituals in War- Khasi Folklore North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong
2014-2016	Master of Arts: English The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad Campus
2011-2014	Bachelor of Arts: English (Honours) St. Anthony's College, Shillong; North Eastern Hill University
2009-2011	HSSLC: Science St. Edmund's College, Shillong, Meghalaya Board of School Education
2009	SSLC Seven Set Higher Secondary School, Shillong Meghalaya Board of School Education

Other Qualifications

National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in English, UGC

National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in Folk Literature, UGC

Work Experience

August 2022 – Present	St. Anthony's College, Shillong Consultant, Design Innovation Centre, St. Anthony's College, 2023 - present
March 2022 – June 2022	Visiting Faculty in St. Anthony's College, Shillong
October 2021 – July 2022	Assistant Professor, Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong
February 2019 – June 2021	Guest Faculty, The English and Foreign Languages University, Shillong Campus
August 2017 – August 2018	Assistant Professor, William Carey University, Shillong

Awards & Research Related Activities

- **Author & Translator** The Forgotten Folklore Project, Sauramandala Foundation, Shillong
Status: Completed

- **Research Assistant** **The Scorched Earthly.** A Sit-It Occupies the Exhibition 'Die Fliege is curated by Zasha Colah, Francesca Verga And Valentina Viviani 4.4.2023-5.27.2023 A Fly In Volo' Ar/Ge Kunst
Status: Completed

- **Principal Researcher** Megalithic Culture on the Southern Slopes of Meghalaya Awardee of **Chief Minister's Research Grant, Meghalaya, 2024**
Status: Ongoing

- **Principal Researcher** Stories of our Clans: Tracing the Vanishing Clan Narratives of the Hynñiew Trep Awardee of **Tata Samvaad Fellowship, 2024**
Status: Ongoing

- **Consultant** **Design Innovation Centre,** St. Anthony's College, Shillong.
Status: Ongoing

Publications

- **Song Lines of the Khasis: Articulations of Cultural Memories through the Phawar and Folktales** In *Tetso Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol 5, 5th Edition, pp. 1 - 10. 2017. ISSN: 2319-2925 (National Journal)

- **Ethical Praxis and the Ecological Aspects of Khasi Folklore** In *Re-thinking Environment: Literature, Ethics and Praxis*. pp. 266 - 276. 2017. ISBN: 978-93-5207-466-2 (Book Chapter – National)

- **Bharata Muni's Natyasastra – Dramatic Mode: An Analysis** In *Journal of Arts, Culture, Philosophy, Religion, Language and Literature*. Vol. 2, Iss. 4, pp. 186 – 188. 2018. ISSN: 2457-0346 (National Journal)

- **The Worldly Divine in the Khasi Oral Narrative: Exploring the Paradigms of Belief and Ritual of U Woh Riang of Hima Sohbar** In *Narrative Cultures of North East India: Traditions, Texts and Representations*. 2nd Revised Edition. pp. 108 -119. 2021. ISBN: 978-93-82178-30-9 (Book Chapter – National)

- **Oral Folk Tradition and Mnemocultural Practices: Situating The Khasi Phawar in Creative Transition** In *Indian Narrative Traditions: Text, Performance and Interpretations*. 1st Edition. pp. 113 – 121. 2021. ISBN: 978-93-82178-31-6 (Book Chapter – National)

- **Lore and the Process of Tradition: Locating the Place of Narratives and Religion in Ka Phur Nongjri and Sohbar** In *Untold Narratives, Invisible Marks, Ethnographica et Folkloristica Carpathica, Ethnology and Folklore*. No 23. pp. 89-102. 2021. <https://ojs.lib.unideb.hu/ethnographica/article/view/9223>
<https://doi.org/10.47516/ethnographica/23/2021/9223>
ISSN 0139-0600 (Print) ISSN 2786-0841 (Online) (International Journal)

- **Cultural Memory and Performance: An Exploration of Ka Shad Lyngdoh and Ka Puja Pukan in Wahkhen, Meghalaya** In *Assam Valley International Journal of Humanities and Cultural Studies*. Vol. X. No. 2. pp. 35-46. 2021. ISSN: 2320-0324 (International Journal)

- **U Thlen and the Nongshohnoh: Folklore, Experience, and Reality** In *Literatura Ludowa. Journal of Folklore and Popular Culture, Scary Reality: Fear in Narrative Cultures*. Vol. 66 No. 3. pp. 37–49. 2022 <https://doi.org/10.12775/LL.3.2022.002>
<https://apcz.umk.pl/LL/article/view/42317>
ISSN 2544-2872 (online) ISSN 0024-4708 (print) (International Journal)

- **For It Was Said, Unity Ushered Our Beginning: Narratives on the Creation of Cultural History and Identity of Wahkhen Village in Meghalaya** In *Ka Thwet jingstad (Quest for Knowledge) A journal of the society for Khasi Studies, Shillong*. Vol. V. No. 1. pp. 50-59. 2022. ISSN: 2278-6813 (National Journal)

- **The Pervasiveness of Folklore in the Oral Traditions: Hima Sohbar and the Anglo-Khasi War in Context** In *Spectrum: Humanities, Social Sciences And Management*. Vol. IX. No. 2. Pp. 15-25. 2022. ISSN: 2349-2929 (National Journal)

- **All While Enjoying a Plate of Jadoh and Tea!** Co-Author of *People Called Shillong*. The People Place Project. Thompson Press. Authors Up Front. 2017. ISBN: 9788193392492 (Book Chapter)

- **On The Trail for Local Snacks** Co-Author of *People Called Shillong*. The People Place Project. Thompson Press. Authors Up Front. 2017. ISBN: 9788193392492 (Book Chapter)

- **The Tunes of Kongthong** Illustrated by P. Mario K. Pathaw. Sauramandela Foundation. 2023. Online copy published by storyweaver.org.in (Pratham Books)
<https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/594133-the-tunes-of-kongthong>

- ***Lets Dance with Ainam*** Illustrated by Casper Syiem. Sauramandela Foundation. 2023. Online copy published by storyweaver.org.in (Pratham Books) <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/607389-let-s-dance-with-ainam>

Translations

- ***Ki Sngi Īew***, 2024 (Khasi): Original story "Market Days" in English by Riquoma Rq Laloo, illustrated by Kamtre Sumer, for The Forgotten Folklore Project. <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/616138-ki-sngi-iew>
- ***Ngi Dei ki Bnai***, 2024 (Khasi): Original story "We Are Months" in English by Mebanda Iaka Blah Dkhar, illustrated by Mark Jakrikra, for The Forgotten Folklore Project. <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/615636-ngi-dei-ki-bnai>
- ***Ka Nang·pa Bachi***, 2024 (Khasi): Original story " Nang·pa Bachi " in English by Barbara Simsang Sangma, illustrated by Chedil K Marak, for The Forgotten Folklore Project. <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/614344-ka-nangpa-bachi>
- ***Nokpante***, 2024 (Khasi): Original story "Nokpante" in English by Jody B Sangma, illustrated by Arak Sangma, for The Forgotten Folklore Project. <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/612778-nokpante>
- ***Ka Īing Shet Ja Ki Garo***, 2024 (Khasi): Original story "A Garo Kitchen" in English by The Forgotten Folklore Project., illustrated by Meghna, for The Forgotten Folklore Project. <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/612772-ka-iing-shet-ja-ki-garo>
- ***Ka Īing Shet Ja Ki Jaiñtia***, 2024 (Khasi): Original story "A Jaiñtia Kitchen" in English by The Forgotten Folklore Project., illustrated by Meghna, for The Forgotten Folklore Project. <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/612767-ka-iing-shet-ja-ki-jaintia>
- ***Ka Īing Shet Ja Ki Khasi***, 2024 (Khasi): Original story "A Khasi Kitchen" in English by The Forgotten Folklore Project., illustrated by Meghna, for The Forgotten Folklore Project. <https://storyweaver.org.in/en/stories/612765-ka-iing-shet-ja-ki-khasi>

Presentations in Conferences and Seminars

- **Presented a research paper** in a national seminar on ‘Tribal Narratives’ organised by Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, India in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak and Central Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi which was held on 27th – 28th March 2015.
- **Presented a research paper** in a national seminar on ‘Exploring the Theory and Praxis of Cultural Poetics’ organised by Department of English, Kiang Nangbah Government

College, Jowai, India in collaboration with CIIL, Mysore, ICSSR-NERC, Shillong and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi which was held on 22nd and 23rd August 2016.

- **Presented a research paper** in a UGC international conference on ‘Re-thinking Environment: Literature, Ethics and Praxis’ organised by Post Graduate Department of English, Berhampur University, Odisha, India which was held on 28th, 29th and 30th December 2016.
- **Presented a research paper** in a national seminar on 'Verbal Art: Exploring the Ethnography of Speaking Strategies' organised by Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India in collaboration with NEC, Meghalaya, ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, EFL University, Shillong and IGNOU, Shillong which was held on 23rd and 24th February 2017.
- **Presented a research paper** in a national seminar on ‘Exploring the Theory and Praxis of Cultural Poetics II’ organised by Department of English, Kiang Nangbah Government College, Jowai, India supported by Planning Department, Govt. Of Meghalaya through Chief Minister's Voluntary Action Fund which was held on 9th June 2017.
- **Presented a research paper** in a seven day national workshop on 'Documenting Oral Cultural Traditions of North East India' organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi on 12th -18th February 2018.
- **Presented a research paper** in an international conference on ‘Languages, Literature, Arts, Culture, Gender Studies/ Sexuality, Humanities, Spirituality and Philosophy for Sustainable Societal Development’ organised by Dr. Govind Mishra Educational Foundation on 17th November 2018 at JNU, New Delhi.
- **Presented a research paper** in an international conference on ‘Belief Narratives in Folklore Studies: Narrating the Supernatural’ organised by ABILAC, Assam, India in collaboration with BNN of ISFNR which was held from 6th – 8th February, 2019.
- **Presented a research paper** in a national seminar on ‘Contesting the Site of Sights’ organised by EFLU, Shillong, India in association with ICSSR-NERC, Shillong which was held from 10th – 11th June, 2019.
- **Presented a research paper** in an international conference on ‘Biodiversity and Conversation (ICBC)’ organised by Dept. Of Zoology and Fishery Sciences, St. Anthony’s College, Shillong, India in collaboration with BRDC, ZSI Govt. of India, MBB and Fisheries Dept. Govt. of Meghalaya which was held from 14th – 15th Dec, 2022.
- **Presented a research paper** in an international seminar on ‘Religious Practices Across Himalayan Spaces’ organised by Salesian Research Centre, Salesian College, Darjelling, St. Anthony’s College, Dept. of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkatta, Xavier Board of

Higher Education in India, All India Association for Christian Higher Education in India (AIACHE) & Brinfaith Collaborative Research Project, University of Hong Kong which was held from 5th – 7th May, 2023.

- **Presented a research paper** in an two day national seminar on ‘Placemaking and Cityscapes of Shillong’ organised by Indian Council of Social Science Research, NERC, Shillong on 15th-16th February 2024.

Conferences and Seminars Attended

- Attended a national seminar on ‘Language Education - A Bridge Between Ethnic Cultures’ organised by Lady Keane College, Shillong, India which was held on 21st September 2013.
- Attended and Organised a National Seminar on ‘India's North Eastern States & Eastern Neighbours: Borderlands, People and Connectivity’ organized by the Young Scholars Forum, Asian Confluence, Shillong in collaboration with Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi held on 9th - 10th of March, 2017 at the Asian Confluence, Shillong
- Attended a national seminar on ‘Oral Culture: People, Poetics and Performance’ organised by the Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, NEHU, Shillong in collaboration with Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, New Delhi; Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal and Indian Council of Social Science Research, NERC, Shillong on 22nd - 23rd August 2017.
- Attended a seminar on ‘Judicious and Prudent Use of Renewable and Non-Renewable Resources in India’ sponsored by North Eastern Council, Department of Atomic Energy and Indian Council of Social Science Research in collaboration with Bio-Resource
- Development Centre and Meghalaya Institute of National Resources on 21st – 22nd September 2017.
- Attended a national seminar on ‘Translating Contemporary Indian Drama’ jointly organised/ sponsored by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi and Department of English, NEHU, Shillong to commemorate the International Translation Day on 30th September 2017.
- Participated in a seminar on ‘Judicious and Prudent Use of Renewable and Non-Renewable Resources in India’ sponsored by the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Government of Meghalaya on 29th August 2018.
- Attended a National Webinar on ‘The present scope and future of Folklore and Cultural Studies in North East India: Challenges and prospects’ organised by CCSR, Pandu College in collaboration with RRF, Uttar Assam Prant on 8th July 2020. (Online – Zoom)

- Attended a National Webinar on ‘Academic Administrators of Higher Education Institutions’ organised by UGC HRDC, NEHU Shillong on 8th February, 2022. (Online – Zoom)
- Attended a National Webinar on ‘Research Writing’ Organised by Xavier Board of Higher Education in India Eastern & North Eastern (XBHEI-E&NE) Region held on 21st April 2023
- Attended a Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav Programme, 2023 organised by the School of Humanities, NEHU, Shillong on 28th November 2023.
- Attended a Ka Lympung Ki Nongthoh (Writers Conclave), 2024 organised by the Khasi Autho’s Society on the occasion of the Janjatiya Divas 2024 on 21st November 2024.

Orientation/Refresher Course

- **Participated** in the ‘9th Faculty Induction Programme’ organised by UGC HRDC, NEHU, Shillong from 30th May, 2022 to 28th June, 2022 and obtained a grade of A+ (Online: Zoom)

Invited Lectures/Talks/Programmes

- **Resource Person** on “From Legends to Lived Realities” in ‘Extrapolations through the Extraordinary: Broadening Perspectives on Magic And Magicality’ organised by Sree Sankara Vidyaapeetom College, in association with Mahatma Gandhi University and collaboration with ISFNR from December 14 -18, 2020. (Online – Zoom)
- **Resource Person** on “Nature and the Anthropocene” in an International Webinar on ‘Critiquing the Footprints of Anthropocene: Where do we go from here?’ organised by CTEF - Meghalaya Chapter from 5th - 6th March, 2021 (Online – Zoom)
- **Panelist** in ‘Sanphew Snem Jylla Meghalaya: Ka Jingangnud ki Samla’ telecast by Prasar Bharati, Doordarshan, RNU DDK Shillong on 7th January, 2022.
- **Resource Person for Invited lecture** on ‘Effective Interpersonal Skills – Communication and Relationship skills’ at Regional Training Institute, Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Shillong on 30th August, 2022.
- **‘Guest Judge:** Arts and Craft Competition’ during AIESEC Impact Week 2022 organised by AIESEC in Shillong on 19th October 2022.
- **Resource Person for Invited lecture** on ‘Conflict Resolution’ at Regional Training Institute, Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Shillong on 25th November, 2022.

- **Resource Person** on “Lore and the Process of Tradition” in a seminar on ‘Folklore – Traditional Knowledge in Art Form’ organised by MLCU, Shillong on 15th November, 2022 at Nartiang Monolith Park.
- **Resource Person** for ‘Content Writing Course 2023’ conducted by the Department of English of St. Anthony’s College, Shillong from 30th January to 14th February, 2023.
- **Resource Person for Invited lecture** on ‘Effective Interpersonal Skills – Communication and Relationship skills’ at Regional Training Institute, Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Shillong on 15th May, 2023.
- **Resource Person** for ‘Seminar and Workshop on Research Methodology conducted by the Department of English of St. Anthony’s College, Shillong on 22nd May, 2023.
- **Resource Person** for ‘Add-on course on Research Methodology, conducted by the Department of English of St. Anthony’s College, Shillong from 9th August to 22nd August, 2023.
- **Interview with SpeakYourRoots** on the occasion of World Folklore Day 2023 on 22nd August 2023.
- **Resource Person** on Folklore and Literature conducted by the Department of English, St. Mary’s College, Shillong during the Sawangka Festival 2024 on 18th May 2024.
- **Interview** with Dr. Moushmi Dey for a literary programme broadcast by Doordarshan Kendra, Shillong on 30th November 2024.

Professional Appointments

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| ▪ Core Working Committee Member | St. Anthony’s Centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Incubation (SACEII) |
| ▪ Editing Team Member | Mosaic, St. Anthony’s College annual magazine |
| ▪ Member | St. Anthony’s College Association |
| ▪ Organising Committee Member | International Conference on Literature, Community and Culture 2024 |

Other Work-related Experiences

- **Judge** for ‘literary competition’ regarding Platinum Jubilee Celebration, Department of Commerce, St. Anthony’s College, Shillong on 25th August 2023.

- **Coordinator** for ‘Add-on course on Research Methodology’, conducted by the Department of English of St. Anthony's College, Shillong, from the 9th August to the 22nd August, 2023.
- **External Examiner** for IV Semester Mass Communication and Video Production, St. Anthony's College on 30th May 2023
- **Hosted** Earth Day Celebration 2023 at ST. Anthony's College Shillong on 22nd April 2023
- **Judge** for ‘Anthonians Got Talent’ on 20th March 2023
- **Organising member** for ‘Content Writing Course 2023’, an initiative of the Department of English of St. Anthony's College, Shillong, from the 30th January to the 14th February, 2023
- **Exhortation Address** for 1st semester BA and BSc students 2023

Workshops/Trainings Attended

- ‘Theatre Appreciation Course’ organised by National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi in collaboration with English Department, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and Shillong Forum for English Studies, Shillong from 21st - 28th April 2014 at NEHU, Shillong
- ‘Two-Day Workshop on Design Innovation and Adaptation’ for tourism organised by North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong and Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok held on 17th & 18th June, 2019
- ‘Developing Online Assessment’ coordinated by The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad in collaboration with QASPIR from 20th -21st May, 2020. (Online-Zoom)
- Short-Term Course on ‘Research Methodology in Humanities’ organised by Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India from 26th to 30th May, 2020 (Online – Webex)
- ‘Lurningo LMS’ coordinated by EFLU, Hyderabad in collaboration with Lurningo in the year 2021 (Online – Zoom)
- ‘Moodle LMS’ during FIP 9, NEHU, Shillong from 30th May, 2022 – 28th June, 2022. (Online – Zoom)
- ‘Teaching-Learning Workshop 2021’ organised by MLCU, Shillong from 17th – 19th November 2021 at MLCU, Shillong

- ‘Teaching Pedagogy’ coordinated by MLCU, Shillong in collaboration with IBS, Kolkatta on 9th December, 2021 (Online- Zoom)
- ‘Effective Classroom Management’ coordinated by MLCU, Shillong in collaboration with IBS, Kolkatta on 10th December, 2021 (Online- Zoom)
- ‘Intellectual Property Awareness/ Training’ under NIPAM, Intellectual Property Office on 11th March, 2022 at MLCU campus, Shillong. (Online – Zoom)
- ‘Integrity in Research and Publication’ organised by MLCU, Shillong on 13th April, 2022 at MLCU campus, Shillong
- ‘Training Exercise and Mock Drill’ at St. Anthony’s College, Shillong organised by the Office of the Deputy Controller of Civil Defence, East Khasi Hills, Government of Meghalaya in collaboration with the Department of Geology and Department of Environmental Science, St. Anthony’s College on 23rd, 24th and 25th August 2022.
- ‘5 Day Faculty Development Programme on Bloom's taxonomy and Outcome based Education (OBE)’ organized by IQAC, St. Anthony's College, Shillong from 18th - 22nd July 2023
- One day Faculty induction Programme on Being an Educator in the Don Bosco Way organized by Dept. of Value Education under the aegis of the IQAC, St. Anthony's College, Shillong on 23rd march 2024.
- ‘5 Day Research Methodology Workshop for Social Sciences and Humanities organized by the Department of Economics in collaboration with the Research and Development Cell, St. Anthony's College, Shillong from 19th – 23rd August 2024.

Exhibition/ Documentation

- Curator for photo and poster exhibition on *The Anglo-Khasi War (1829 – 1833): Sohbar in Context* to celebrate India’s 75th year of Independence through ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’ at NEHU, Shillong on 12th August 2022.
- Curator for Poster exhibition on *How Pom-im-im, Pomdngiem became Jacob’s Ladder* to celebrate ‘World Folklore Day’ at St. Anthony’s College, Shillong on 22nd August 2022.
- Script & Production Manager for tourism video on ‘*Ka Shad Nongkrem*’. Produced by State of Mind Production for Meghalaya Tourism Official. Released in YouTube on 1st November 2022. <https://youtu.be/zntWUnEPw3M>
- Curator for Poster exhibition on *Folklore in Stone* to celebrate ‘World Folklore Day’ at St. Anthony’s College, Shillong on 22nd August 2023.

Other Work Experiences

Author & Translator The Forgotten Folklore Project, Sauramandala	April 2023 - 2024
Script Writer ‘State of Mind’ for Shad Nongkrem film	Nov 2022
Moderator ‘The Inside Story’ at Doordarshan Kendra, Shillong	Oct 2019 - Dec 2019
Programme Officer , Asian Confluence, Shillong	Dec 2016 - Mar 2017
Sub-Editor , The Northeast Today (TNT), Shillong	Oct 2016 - Jan 2017

Extra Curricular Activities/ Social Service

- Voluntary Blood Donation on 12th September 2012 at Nazareth Hospital Blood Bank, Shillong.
- First Runner’s Up Football Competition 2011 St. Anthony’s College, Shillong
- First Runner’s Up Team 2011 St. Anthony’s College, Shillong
- First Runner’s Up Debate Competition 2013 at St. Anthony’s College, Shillong
- Winner of Khasi Indigenous Game (Mawpoin) 2021 at NEHU, Shillong
- Voluntary Blood Donation on 4th August 2023 at St. Anthony’s College through Regional Blood Centre, Shillong.